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CUBAN PERSECUTOR'S FINAL ORDER OF REMOVAL UPHELD

MIAMI- The Board of Immigration Appeals affirmed on Dec. 14, the final order of removal issued for a former employee of Cuba's Ministry of Interior who was linked to human rights abuses.

Luis Enrique Daniel-Rodriguez, 37, was arrested by special agents with the Department of Homeland Security's U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in July.

After considering the evidence in the record, an immigration judge issued Daniel Rodriguez' final order of removal on June 30. The order of removal was issued based on the finding that he was a persecutor and involved in human rights violations. He subsequently appealed the judge's decision.

"Human rights violators cannot and will not use the United States as a safe haven," said Jesus Torres, special agent-in-charge of ICE's Miami office. "We will continue to ensure that the integrity of the immigration system is protected by not allowing persecutors to obtain an immigration benefit to hide in this country."

Daniel-Rodriguez is in ICE custody at the Krome Detention Center awaiting his removal.

The creation of the Human Rights Violator Unit (HRVU) represents ICE's commitment to the removal of, and denial of benefits to, human rights abusers. ICE will work closely with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) to deny any potential residency or immigrant status benefits that these human rights violators may try to obtain in the U.S.

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